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SUBJECT: SIGNING OF SUNY-MGU AGREEMENT

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1. PLEASE PASS TO CHANCELLOR BOYER ON ARRIVAL OCTOBER 3 THE FOLLOWING DRAFT BACKGROUNDER FROM BENEDICT ON THE SUNY-MGU AGREEMENT. SOME LANGUAGE USED INTENTIONALLY FOR PROTOCOL REASONS. EMBASSY PRESS OFFICER SHOULD WORK WITH BOYER ON ANY NECESSARY REVISIONS AND FINAL PREPARATION FOR RELEASE TO PRESS IN MOSCOW. EMBASSY SHOULD CABLE DEPARTMENT VIA IMMEDIATE ATTN CU/EE AFTER SIGNATURE. CU/EE IN TURN WILL INFORM BENEDICT.

2. BEGIN TEXT. MOSCOW, OCTOBER --, 1976, STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK. CHANCELLOR ERNEST C. BOYER TODAY ANNOUNCED THE SIGNING OF THE FIRST UNIVERSITY-TO-UNIVERSITY AGREEMENT FOR SCHOLARLY EXCHANGE AND COLLABORATION BETWEEN AN AMERICAN AND A SOVIET INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING. THE HISTORIC EXCHANGE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED BY DR. BOYER FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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THE STATE UNIVERSITY AND ACADEMICIAN REM V. KHOKHLOV,

RECTOR OF THE M. V. LOMONOSOV MOSCOW STATE UNIVERSITY
(MSU).

3. THE AGREEMENT, TO BECOME OPERATIVE IN JANUARY 1977, PROVIDES FOR SUNY AND MSU TO EXCHANGE GRADUATE STUDENTS, NON-TEACHING AND POST-GRADUATE FELLOWS AND JUNIOR AND SENIOR FACULTY MEMBERS. THEY WILL CARRY OUT SCHOLARLY RESEARCH, INCLUDING JOINT RESEARCH PROJECTS AND LECTURING, AT THE RESPECTIVE INSTITUTIONS.

4. THE AGREEMENT WILL REMAIN IN FORCE FOR TWO YEARS AND MAY BE AUTOMATICALLY RENEWED FOR AN ADDITIONAL TWO. THE EXCHANGES WILL TAKE PLACE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND USSR. IT IS PARTIALLY SUPPORTED BY A GRANT FROM THE BUREAU OF EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS, US DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

5. SUNY AND MSU WILL EXCHANGE TEN GRADUATE STUDENTS, INSTRUCTORS OR NON-TEACHING PROFESSIONALS WHO DO NOT HAVE ADVANCED DEGREES FOR ONE SEMESTER DURING EACH ACADEMIC YEAR. THE RESPECTIVE UNIVERSITIES MAY ALSO ELECT THE OPTION OF SENDING FIVE EXCHANGEES FOR THE FULL ACADEMIC YEAR.

6. THE HOST UNIVERSITIES WILL PROVIDE THE STUDENTS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY THE HOST COUNTRY'S LANGUAGE AND TO CONDUCT RESEARCH IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES, HUMANITIES, AND NATURAL SCIENCES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRE-ARRANGED PROGRAMS TO BE AGREED UPON BY BOTH SUNY AND MSU. THE HOST INSTITUTIONS WILL PROVIDE NECESSARY INSTRUCTIONAL AND RESEARCH-CONNECTED SERVICES, INCLUDING ACCESS TO LIBRARY MATERIALS AND ARCHIVES.

7. IN ADDITION TO THE EXCHANGE OF GRADUATE STUDENTS, SUNY AND MSU HAVE AGREED TO EXCHANGE ANNUALLY A MINIMUM OF TWO JUNIOR AND TWO SENIOR FACULTY MEMBERS, EACH FOR AN ACADEMIC YEAR OF TEN MONTHS, FOR PURPOSES OF SCHOLARLY RESEARCH, LECTURING, AND COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH. HOWEVER, WITHIN THE TOTAL OF 20 "MAN-MONTHS" FOR EACH CATEGORY, THE UNCLASSIFIED

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HOST INSTITUTIONS MAY CHOOSE TO ACCEPT AS MANY AS FOUR SPECIALISTS FOR SHORTER PERIODS OF TIME. THE SUNY-MSU AGREEMENT PROVIDES FULL RECIPROCITY FOR ALL ASPECTS OF THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING HOUSING.

8. EACH PARTICIPANT IN THE EXCHANGE WILL ALSO RECEIVE A STIPEND FOR SUBSISTENCE, BASED ON ACADEMIC RANK. STIPENDS FOR SOVIET EXCHANGEES WILL BE PAID FROM THE STATE DEPART-

MENT GRANT AND THE AMERICANS' STIPENDS WILL BE PAID BY THE SOVIETS.

9. DR. BOYER SAID THAT THE FIRST GROUP OF AMERICAN

STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS EXCHANGE AT MSU WILL COME FROM A NUMBER OF SUNY CAMPUSES AND WILL BE STUDENTS OF RUSSIAN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE. HE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE FIRST GROUP OF MSU STUDENTS, TO STUDY ON THE CAMPUS OF STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT ALBANY, WILL BE SPECIALIZING IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES, AMERICAN HISTORY, CULTURE, POLITICS AND ECONOMICS. BOTH THE SOVIET AND AMERICAN STUDENTS WILL COMMENCE THEIR PROGRAMS IN THE SPRING SEMESTER OF 1977.

10. DR. BOYER HAILED THE EXCHANGE AS A MILESTONE IN INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL RELATIONS AND A LOGICAL SEQUEL TO THE AGREEMENT HE NEGOTIATED IN APRIL 1974 FOR THE EXCHANGE OF TEN UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ANNUALLY BETWEEN THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AND THE MOSCOW STATE PEDAGOGICAL INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES M. THOREZ. THE PIONEERING UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE, NEGOTIATED THROUGH THE SOVIET MINISTRY OF HIGHER AND SECONDARY SPECIALIZED EDUCATION, IS CURRENTLY IN ITS THIRD YEAR AT THOREZ INSTITUTE AND SUNY'S ALBANY CAMPUS.

11. CHANCELLOR BOYER CURRENTLY IS VISITING FELLOW AT WOLFSON COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY, ENGLAND, AND FLEW TO MOSCOW AT THE INVITATION OF RECTOR KHOKHLOV SPECIFICALLY TO SIGN THE SUNY-MSU AGREEMENT ON THE OCCASION OF MSU'S SPECIAL PROGRAM COMMEMORATING THE UNITED STATES BICENTENNIAL. END TEXT.

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12. PLEASE ADVISE TROPIN THAT CHANCELLOR BOYER WILL NOT BE ACCOMPANIED BY ANY OTHER SUNY OFFICIALS FOR SIGNING. ROBINSON

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